



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Todd MCGARVEY, *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/602,264

: Group Art Unit: 1724

Confirmation No.: 1410

: Examiner: Chester T. Barry

Priority Date: 21 December 2001

Filed: 24 June 2003

For: **Method And Apparatus Using Super Absorbent Polymers For Dehydration Of Oil**

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) AND 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(6)
TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM
FOR THE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR-FILED APPLICATION AND
THE FILING DATE OF A PRIOR PROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(6) to accept an unintentionally delayed claim for the benefit of a prior-filed application and the filing date of a prior provisional application. Consideration and grant of the petition is respectfully requested.

Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) To Accept An Unintentionally Delayed Claim For The Benefit Of A Prior-Filed Application

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), applicants respectfully petition for amendment of the specification of the above application to include the reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) for the benefit of a prior-filed copending international application designating the United States of America.

The reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2) to the prior-filed application is:

This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/US01/49404, internationally filed December 21, 2001, which claims priority to the United States provisional application No. 60/258,270, filed December 27, 2000.

Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(6) To Accept An Unintentionally Delayed Claim For The Benefit Of A Provisional Application

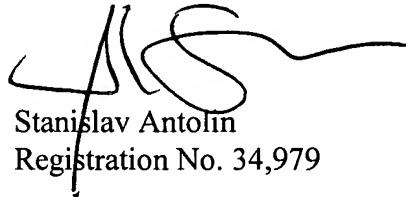
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(6) applicants respectfully petition to claim the benefit of United States Serial No. 60/258,270, filed December 27, 2000 under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(5). The reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(5) to the prior provisional application is presented in an Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76(b)(6) attached as APPENDIX A.

This Petition is accompanied by a check in the amount of \$1330.00 to cover the fee for this petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t). If any additional fees for the accompanying petition are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 502190.

The entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(6) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional and is sincerely regretted.

Applicants respectfully request the grant of the petition.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX A



Application Data Sheet

Application Information

Application Number::	10/602,264
Filing Date::	6/24/2003
Application Type::	Regular
Subject Matter::	Utility
Suggested Classification::	210/689
Suggested Group Art Unit::	1724
CD-ROM or CD-R?	No
Title::	Method And Apparatus Using Super Absorbent Polymers For Dehydration Of Oil
Attorney Docket Number::	5003073-016US2
Request for Early Publication?::	No
Request for Non-Publication?::	No
Suggested Drawing Figure::	N/A
Total Drawing Sheets::	2
Small Entity::	No
Petition included?::	Yes
Secrecy Order in Parent Appl.?::	No

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Domestic Priority Information

<i>Application ::</i>	<i>Continuity Type::</i>	<i>Parent Application::</i>	<i>Parent Filing Date:</i>
This Application PCT/US01/49404	Continuation of An Application claiming the benefit under 35 USC 119(e)	PCT/US01/49404 60/258,270	December 21, 2001 December 27, 2000

Foreign Priority Information

Country::	Application number::	Filing Date::	Priority Claimed::
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